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Estimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities
That Normally Move in Refrigerator Cars, by Months for 1944, 1945 and 1946 /1

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	Beverages /2	Margarine and butterine /3	Fresh fruits & vegetables /4	Meats /5	Butter /5	Cheese /3	Eggs /3	Poultry dressed /3	Canned milk	Canned food stuffs /6	Total
Estimated cars, January 1946	21,406	314	86,000	33,055	1,674	1,572	2,928	2,687	4,364	31,595	185,595
Number cars shipped January 1945	19,472	472	80,611	31,257	1,970	1,690	2,937	2,559	4,430	30,825	176,223
Percentage increase or decrease	9.9	-33.5	6.7	5.8	-15.0	-7.0	-0.3	5.0	-1.5	2.5	5.3
Estimated cars, February 1946	19,392	365	82,470	25,839	1,406	1,449	2,380	1,346	4,391	32,078	171,666
Number cars shipped, February 1945	18,107	511	75,323	24,369	1,644	1,567	2,374	1,282	4,458	31,144	160,779
Percentage increase or decrease	9.9	-28.6	9.5	6.2	-14.5	-7.5	0.3	5.0	-1.5	3.0	6.8
Estimated cars, March 1946	21,833	318	95,915	29,594	1,711	1,591	2,898	1,012	5,510	33,149	193,531
Number cars shipped, March 1945	19,832	610	83,827	27,109	1,989	1,729	2,902	964	5,566	32,121	176,649
Percentage increase or decrease	10.1	-47.9	14.4	9.2	-14.0	-8.0	-0.1	5.0	-1.0	3.2	9.6
Estimated cars, April 1945	18,060	562	75,227	23,723	2,110	1,523	3,894	1,059	6,784	27,930	160,872
Number cars shipped April 1944	17,504	445	74,380	30,936	2,252	1,640	3,651	1,114	6,209	29,311	167,442
Percentage increase or decrease	3.2	26.3	1.1	-23.3	-6.3	-7.1	6.7	-4.9	9.3	-4.7	-3.9
Estimated cars, May 1945	20,584	394	81,131	26,972	2,426	1,892	5,202	1,525	9,225	29,114	178,465
Number cars shipped May 1944	20,164	333	79,720	33,580	2,755	2,022	5,032	1,440	8,017	30,840	183,903
Percentage increase or decrease	2.1	18.3	1.8	-19.7	-11.9	-6.4	3.4	5.9	15.1	-5.6	-3.0
Estimated cars, June 1945	19,458	193	79,960	27,737	3,072	1,974	5,441	2,014	9,741	32,654	182,244
Number cars shipped June 1944	19,541	257	78,225	32,145	3,190	2,154	5,590	1,955	8,127	30,184	181,368
Percentage increase or decrease	-0.4	-24.9	2.2	-13.7	-3.7	-8.4	-2.7	3.0	19.9	8.2	0.5
Estimated cars, July 1945	20,625	389	79,230	30,423	3,138	2,134	5,013	2,147	8,809	32,876	184,784
Number cars shipped July 1944	20,780	366	69,407	34,340	3,075	2,281	5,037	2,063	7,038	23,497	172,884
Percentage increase or decrease	-0.7	6.3	4.2	-11.4	2.0	-6.4	-0.5	4.1	25.2	15.4	6.9

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Estimated cars, August 1945	21,982	551	72,470	29,569	2,763	2,540	4,649	2,347	7,354	33,484	177,709
Number cars shipped August 1944	21,551	418	70,931	34,637	2,706	2,371	4,731	2,279	6,091	35,126	175,359
Percentage increase or decrease	2.0	31.8	2.2	-14.6	2.1	7.1	-1.7	3.0	20.7	-7.4	1.3
Estimated cars, September 1945	21,492	380	86,710	27,498	1,880	2,075	3,843	2,635	5,824	36,186	188,523
Number cars shipped September 1944	20,597	420	89,273	30,239	2,130	2,382	3,947	2,463	5,374	36,046	178,810
Percentage increase or decrease	4.3	-9.5	-2.9	-9.1	-11.7	-12.9	-2.6	7.0	8.4	0.4	5.4
Estimated cars, October 1945	24,334	590	98,660	28,395	1,635	1,860	3,485	3,569	4,664	42,952	210,144
Number cars shipped October 1944	22,185	626	91,485	30,343	1,340	2,355	3,639	3,320	4,790	38,206	198,789
Percentage increase or decrease	9.7	-5.8	7.8	-6.4	-11.1	-21.0	-4.2	7.5	-2.6	12.4	5.7
Estimated cars, November 1945	23,100	390	79,675	36,356	1,695	2,063	3,165	4,959	4,419	41,888	197,710
Number cars shipped November 1944	21,201	494	71,557	30,067	1,873	1,928	3,211	4,768	4,206	37,518	176,823
Percentage increase or decrease	9.0	-21.1	11.3	20.9	-9.5	7.0	-1.4	4.0	5.1	11.6	11.8
Estimated cars, December 1945	23,807	377	81,690	38,338	1,623	1,643	2,669	4,845	4,316	40,570	199,878
Number cars shipped December 1944	20,562	479	78,521	31,670	1,784	1,543	2,751	4,445	4,569	35,526	181,850
Percentage increase or decrease	15.8	-21.3	4.0	21.1	-9.0	6.5	-3.0	9.0	-5.5	14.2	9.9

/1 For certain commodities, particularly bottled and canned beer and canned foodstuffs, the use of refrigerator cars is essential only during those months when protection from the cold is required.

/2 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated less 5 percent is the estimate for 1944, and like figures are substituted for former estimates in 1945.

/3 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated are used in 1944, and are substituted for previous estimates in 1945.

/4 Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration. December 1945 and January, February and March 1946 are estimates. These estimates do not include watermelon shipments.

/5 In 1944 and January 1945 this figure is the sum of ICC classifications 210,220 and 222, carloads originated, less canned meats. The 11 months of 1945 and January, February and March 1946 are estimates on the same basis.

/6 In 1944 and January 1945 this figure is ICC classification 680, carloads originated plus canned meats but less canned milk. The other 11 months of 1945 and January, February and March 1946 are estimates of the same movement.

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